



HARTFORD STREET ZEN CENTER

Dear friend,

Traveling on Buddha's path requires dedicated effort. I would like to thank you for your encouragement and support of our temple.

As the year draws to a close I am writing to ask for you make a secure [online gift](#) today,

2012 has been a year of renewed commitments and compassionate practice. Our Sangha is currently sewing the okesa (Buddha's robe) that will be used when we install our teacher Myo Denis Lahey as our abbot during next year's **Mountain Seat Ceremony**.

A **Sangha Council** was launched to build and nurture community and to foster an ongoing conversation about the programs and mission of Hartford Street Zen Center (HSZC). The council process has been a living example of how to use right speech to address difficult matters while allowing the Sangha to explore what it will mean for the temple to once again have an abbot after more than ten years.

We maintain a **robust schedule of activities** which helps keep our Sangha and our practice deeply rooted in our ancient and ever-evolving Soto Zen tradition.

The spirit of engaged compassion embodied by our temple's founder Issan Dorsy continues: regular sitting and discussion groups for individuals in recovery from alcoholism and addiction; twice weekly groups for those living with HIV, their friends, families and allies. The temple hosts a weekly study hour, potluck socials, retreats and Saturday dharma talks.

All of these activities actualize the inconceivable dharma that is Buddha's Way.

Please help support our temple and its many programs.

Hartford Street Zen Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

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Hartford Street Zen Center is a neighborhood temple and residential practice center in the Soto Zen tradition of Shunryu Suzuki Roshi.

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Maintaining our temple requires donations from our extended Sangha.

Indeed, without your gift our historic temple would cease to exist. We depend upon your generosity. **Please to consider [online a tax-deductible donation](#) today** to help keep Hartford Street Zen Center alive and well for another year.

I invite you to become engaged in the activities at Hartford Street, to be a part of our continuing evolution, our programs, work practices and Dharma talks.

With a deep and reverent bow,

Richard Chiofolo
Board President

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